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SUBJECT: THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFER: MFA REQUESTS STATUS REPORT  
ON TURKEY'S REQUEST TO PROVIDE F-16 PILOT TRAINING TO  
SINGAPORE

REF: A) HUGHES-KAMIAN 5/17/04 E-MAIL B) KAMIAN-HUGHES  
5/17/04 E-MAIL C) ANKARA 220 D)  
KAMIAN-HUGHES 12/30/03 E-MAIL E) 03 STATE  
317388 F) 03 ANKARA 6813

Classified by Pol-Mil Counselor Timothy A. Betts. Reasons:  
1.5 (B and D).

[1](#)1. (U) This is an action request. See para 5.

[1](#)2. (U) MFA/Americas official Netka Noyan telephoned deputy  
pol-mil counselor May 17 to inquire about the status of  
Turkey's request to provide F-16 pilot training to Singapore  
(refs C-F). The MFA subsequently sent the Embassy a  
diplomatic note (see para 4 for complete text) asking that  
the USG make every possible effort to expedite the processing  
of the case.

[1](#)3. (C) Embassy understands that the U.S. Air Force recently  
provided the Department (PM/RSAT) its basic provisos  
concerning the GOT's request, and that PM/RSAT will begin  
obtaining the necessary clearances within the Department  
shortly.

[1](#)4. (U) Begin text of MFA note no. 2004/ALGY/208534:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey  
presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States  
of America and with reference to the Ministry's Note numbered  
2003/ALGY/541251, dated December 26, 2003, has the honor to  
request information regarding the approval process by the US  
Authorities for Government of Turkey's request to train F-16  
pilots of the Singapore Air Force.

The Ministry would kindly appreciate every effort to be made  
by the Embassy in expediting the approval process regarding  
the aforementioned training.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey  
avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of  
the United States of America the assurances of its highest  
consideration.

End text.

[1](#)5. (U) Action request: the Embassy appreciates the  
Department's assistance in working with the U.S. Air Force to  
process the GOT's request, and looks forward to receiving a  
formal response soonest.  
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